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SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR AS POSSIBLE FUTURE OPIUM SOURCE

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1. EL SALVADOR HAS NO HISTORY OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION, NOR DO WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USED BY THOSE WISHING TO CULTIVATE OPIUM POPPIES FOR ILLEGAL DRUG PRODUCTION IN THE FUTURE. NO REPORTS HAVE REACHED THE EMBASSY OF TRAFFICKERS EXPLORING THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THIS COUNTRY FOR OPIUM CULTIVATION. WHILE THERE MIGHT BE AREAS WHERE OPIUM CULTIVATION WOULD BE THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE IN TERMS OF SOILS AND CLIMATES, THE MINUTE SIZE OF THE NATIONAL TERRITORY, THE INTENSITY OF PRESENT LAND UTILIZATION, THE RESULTANT HIGH COST OF ARABLE LAND THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, AND THE LACK OF AREAS "DIFFICULT TO POLICE", WOULD MAKE IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THOSE SEEKING ALTERNATIVE SITES TO THE REMOTE REGIONS OF MEXICO WOULD FIND SUITABLE LOCATIONS IN EL SALVADOR.

2. THE SALVADORAN CRIMINAL CODE HAS A PROVISION WHICH
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MAKES THE CULTIVATION OF QTE STUPEFYING SUBSTANCES UNQTE

ILLEGAL. WE PRESUME OPIUM POPPIES WOULD BE SO CLASSIFIED
ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO PRECEDENT CASE.
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